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SIEM REAP

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1. YOU SHOULD REQUEST THAT THE UN SECRETARIAT DISTRIBUTE

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE CAMBODIAN
STATEMENT REFTEL.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NOTES THAT
THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA (CAMBODIA) HAS RE-
QUESTED THE CIRCULATION OF A STATEMENT IN THE UN ACCUSING
U.S. PLANES OF BOMBING SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA ON FEBRUARY 25.
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY STATED, ON FEB.
27, THAT THESE CHARGES WERE COMPLETELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION.
THE CAMBODIAN REGIME HAS NEVERTHELESS PERSISTED IN ITS
ALLEGATIONS, EVEN BRINGING THE FEW DIPLOMATS RESIDENT IN
OR VISITING PHNOM PENH TO SIEM REAP IN AN ATTEMPT TO
REPRESENT THEM AS AFTER-THE-FACT WITNESSES. IN NEITHER
THE DIPLOMATS' REPORTED STATEMENTS NOR IN THE STATEMENTS OF
THE CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES THEMSELVES IS THERE ANY CREDIBLE
EVIDENCE TO LINK THE DAMAGE OBSERVED WITH THE CLAIM THAT
U.S. PLANES WERE INVOLVED OR EVEN TO PROVE THAT IT RESULTED

FROM AN EXPLOSION OF BOMBS ALLEGEDLY DROPPED
FROM THE AIR.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES REITERATES ITS
CATEGORICAL REJECTION OF THESE ALLEGATIONS AND CALLS
UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA TO CEASE ITS FALSE AND
MISLEADING STATEMENTS IN THIS REGARD. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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